



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum:

Victor Shen, Monty Irvin, Dan Blair, Peter Denmark, David Pinquoch, and Dave Dickason.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to excuse Tom Wagner from tonight's meeting

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Andre Achee, Police Chief

Dave Borg, Harbormaster

Others Present: Patrick Callahan, Clark Brown, Jamie Loan, Kyle Loan, Nick Olzenak, Kelly Bender, and Chris Yelverton

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 17, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting

September 7, 2021, City Council Special Meeting

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to approve the City Council Regular and Special Meeting minutes as written

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the September 21, 2021, Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments to strike Res. #32-2021/Procedures Manual and table it as it continues to be worked on.

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dave Dickason reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and spoke about the fireworks and moving forward for future 4th of July fireworks and signage of maps and the tunnel schedule for visitors. Dave announced Cam Bender's Birthday Bash on Oct. 21. Dave spoke about Scheduling a Special Meeting for October 20th or 21st to discuss the City Manager Contract Negotiations.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Peter Denmark mentioned the staffing issue at the Clinic. He reported that the Clinic had done the heavy lifting for COVID mitigation and the cases that presented themselves in the summer. He talked about the details not publicized and that the issues still persist and the clinic is not a viable site for testing. He stated that he hopes that the Community remains COVID conscious and disclosed that he spoke to the City Manager about COVID testing and prioritized the staff and students at the school. Again he asked the Community to remain COVID conscious.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager and Director Reports- Jim Hunt

Jim Hunt reported on the Tank Farm conveyance completion. He also reported on the United States Forest Service finalized the transfer for the formerly known Marsten Property. He stated that the City is entering discussion with the Forest service to address the eventual transferring of the property to the City of Whittier. He continued and mentioned the following: Policy and Procedures Manual, China Sea Lease transfer to Tatilek Sound Holding LLC., assignment of the Franklin Dock Lease to Holland America, RFP for earthquake repairs, contract with Cardno, continuous work on finding grants, working with Paul Mueller for personal testing kits for COVID testing. Jim stated that discussion with the Girdwood clinic is continuous with EATS. Holly added input on microbody testing, a form of self-PCR testing.

Jim Hunt introduced Jackie Wilde, the City of Whittier's new Assistant City Manager. Jackie gave a brief introduction on her background and experience.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Victor Shen reported on the meeting tomorrow. He mentioned the online option to attend that meeting. He reported on the collaboration with the school on the trails. He stated that a new project is to refresh the lines on the basketball court.

D. Whittier Community School

Clark Brown gave an introduction as the principal and special education teacher at the school. He gave update on the school by mentioning the following; School is in-person, Back to School Night, his meeting with Paul Mueller, and the upcoming EAC meeting.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

Nothing new to report

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

Nothing new to report

9. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

10. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCE

Public Hearing (2nd Reading)

A. An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Amending The Water And Wastewater Tariff And Providing For A 3.0% Increase To All Rates And Charges Effective January 1, 2022 Plus A 5.0% Increase Effective October 1, 2022, And Providing For Automatic Annual Adjustments Effective With The First Billing Cycle Each Year Thereafter, By An Amount Equal To The Three Previous Full Years' Average Increase In The CPI

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-2021 at 7:30 pm.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

No Public Testimony

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion close the Public Testimony part of the Public Hearing and open it up for Council Discussion.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council discussed the ordinance with Scott Korbe. David Pinguoch suggested removing the 3% increase in January.

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance #03-2021 and move to adopt.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution # Resolution #12-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Creating The Whittier City Council Policy And Procedure Manual Ad Hoc Committee

Council suggested to amending the Resolution to update the names from Annie Reeves and Peter Denmark to Jackie Wilde and Dan Blair.

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to adopt Resolution #12-2021

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Resolution #26-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing The City Of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022 City Legislative Priorities

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to amend the Resolution to add "Non-Essential Lands"

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #26-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

C. Resolution #27-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing The City Of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022 State Legislative Priorities

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to amend the Resolution to add "Non-Essential Lands" to 1. And Striking 2.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #27-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

D. Resolution #28-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing The City Of Whittier's Calendar Year 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to amend the Resolution to add "Non-Essential Lands" to 1. And Striking 3.

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #28-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

E. Resolution #29-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Accepting City Ownership Of The Former Whittier Tank Farm Property From The United States Army Corps Of Engineers Consisting Of Approximately 58 Acres For The Amount Of \$165,000, And Appropriating Funds

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #29-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

F. Resolution #30-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Appointing The City Election Officials For The October 5, 2021 Regular City Election.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #30-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

G. Resolution #31-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Awarding A Contract To GMC Contracting, Inc. To Conduct Earthquake Repairs For An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,487,112.70, And Appropriating Funds

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #31-2021

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

~~H. Resolution #32-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The Approval Of The City Of Whittier Employee Policy And Procedures Manual~~

(No action was taken. Item was removed from the agenda)

I. Resolution #33-2021 – A Resolution Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Approving The Assignment Of The Lease Between The City Of Whittier And Young S. And Kyung Yoo Subject To And Conditional Upon Amendments To The Lease, Approving The Essential Terms Of The Assignment To And Amendment Of The Lease With Tatitlek Sound Holdings LLC. And The Essential Terms Of The Amended And Restated Lease With Tatitlek Sound Holdings LLC., And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into Agreements With The Parties Incorporating The Essential Terms Approved In This Resolution

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #33-2021

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Special Meeting for 7:00 pm, October 12, 2021, to Certify the 2021 Regular Election Council agreed to met at this date and time to certify the election.

B. Office of the Clerk Project

Holly gave insight and an introduction as to what this project will entail and a timeline for it.

C. 2022 Harbor Fee Recommendation

Dave Borg came forward with the Port and Harbor Commission recommendation for the Fee Schedule. Asked for direction in proceeding and listened to Council suggestion.

(Monty exited the meeting at 9:02)

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

David Pinquoch commended the Council for their progress in

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Kelly Bender mentioned the restroom situation in the Harbor/Triangle area.

Todd Perez mentioned the restrooms as well. Commended Jim Hunt as City Manager.


20. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

David Pinquoch responded to Kelly and Todd on the restroom situation offering solutions such as having charter businesses contribute to the waterfront (as an idea).

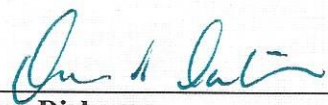
21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:28pm

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor